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Let it Snow - More-and more

On Wednesday we were hit with more snow and cold. Schools were again closed as were many churches for their Wednesday services.

This is beginning to bring a problem to schools especially because the students have now missed 5 days of classes and the TAKS tests begin in March. There will be quite a job getting the students ready for those tests after missing so much class.



FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

Beef Challenge Winners Earn Scholarship Dollars

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - Brittany Blum, an FFA member from Howe, took home the \$6,000 3rd place scholarship at the 115th annual Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo through the fourth annual Heifer Superintendent's Beef Challenge which tested the youth's knowledge on beef cattle production.

"One of the Stock Show's missions is to continue encouraging young people to pursue careers in livestock and agri-business through programs and incentives especially tailored to their interests," said Brad Barnes, president and general manager of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. "Junior exhibitors learn many valuable life lessons during their years of showing livestock, which will serve them well throughout their lives. With the help of Devon Energy's continued commitment to this scholarship contest, it has created an additional opportunity to help enhance the future of the livestock industry. It's important to the Stock Show, as well as to Devon

Energy, which makes it a great partnership."

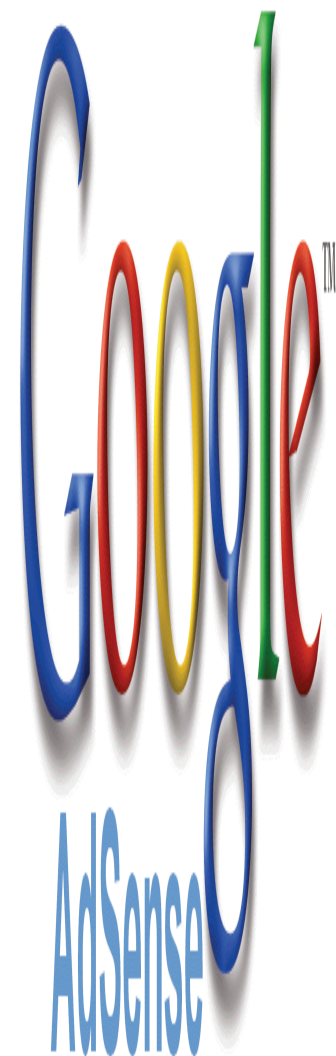
The competition was open to junior heifer show exhibitors that are high school seniors and who have exhibited heifers a minimum of two years at the Fort Worth Stock Show, including the current 2011 show. Participants took a written exam and the ten highest scores advanced to the next level, giving a two-minute oral presentation on why ranchers should use the breed of heifer shown by the exhibitor. As well, seven additional high school seniors from Texas earned scholarships this year through the Beef Challenge.

Initiated in 2008 by the superintendents of the Stock Show's junior heifer show, the scholarship program allows junior exhibitors to use the knowledge they gain in the classroom and the project barn to help pay for a college education. "The future of the beef industry is dependent upon having well educated individuals in cattle production. With Devon's continued

support of this valuable program, we are identifying students already headed in the right direction and are able to reward them with scholarships," said Dr. Tom Woodward, long-time superintendent for the Junior Heifer Show. Devon has been a partner since the program's inception.

"As a longtime supporter of youth and education initiatives, Devon is proud to provide this year's best and brightest high school seniors with a total of \$50,000 in scholarships, which makes our total scholarship contribution \$124,000 over the last four years," said Jay Ewing, Devon's North Texas completion and construction operations manager. "This program is a great way to assist Texas youth with their continuing education."

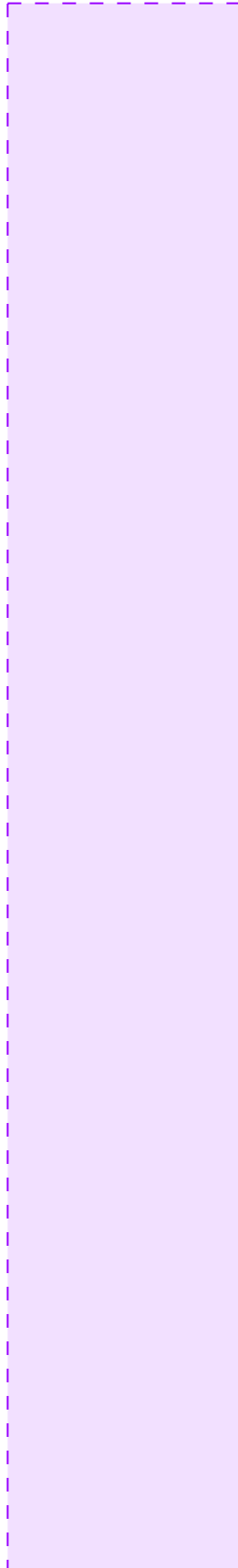
Complete Production Services, Select Energy Services and Energy Service Company joined Devon, one of the largest natural gas producers in the Barnett Shale, to support the Beef Challenge.



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Weather in Howe, Texas
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US 75 Resurfacing

Texas Department of Transportation officials met Jan. 14, 2011 with representatives of R. K. Hall Construction Company, LTD. of Paris, Texas in a pre-construction meeting devoted to traffic safety and construction procedures to be used during the resurfacing of US 75 from FM 1417 to FM 902 in Sherman.

The work to be done will consist of milling the existing hot mix, repairing bridge joints at over passes, repair flexible pavement at specified locations, apply one course surface treatment, followed by hot mix asphaltic concrete overlay and pavement markings.

The Contractor has been granted 59 working days to complete the project. The Contractor began setting barricades and signs Monday, Feb. 7, and work will begin on Monday, Feb. 14. Work is anticipated to be complete by April, 2011.

Work will require one-lane closures for various periods of time. The traveling public is requested to observe signs, barricades, and flaggers, to approach work zones cautiously with reduced speed, and obey construction advisories.

TxDOT Wants to Hear from the Public!

Public meeting to be held on Unified Transportation Program and the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Revision

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021 and the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Four public meetings will be hosted around the State in the North, South, East and West Regions. The meeting for the North Region, which is comprised of the TxDOT Atlanta, Brownwood, Dallas, Fort Worth, Paris, Tyler, Waco, and Wichita Falls Districts will be held:

Thursday, February 17, 2011
4 - 7 pm
TxDOT-Fort Worth District
Regional Training Center (RTC)
2501 SW Loop 820 (at McCart Ave.)
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

The 2012 UTP, which covers fiscal years 2012 through 2021, is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6 pm, TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments.

For additional information, please go to www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle STIP revision for a single project in the San Antonio area. TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for January 2011 may be viewed online at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips/htm> or visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/. Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.



Operation Support Meals on Wheels 4 February 2011 - The Angels Were in the Details

by Grayson County OEM on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 7:58am

Meals on Wheels of Texoma ["MOW"] serves the entire geographic area of Grayson County. (They also serve Cooke & Fannin Counties.) The meals are prepared out of six locations in Bells, Denison, Sherman, Whitesboro, Whitewright and Van Alstyne. Since Monday, service has been suspended due to weather from all but the Whitewright and Van Alstyne areas. Most of the deliveries on Monday were for two meals but with dawn breaking on more snow on Friday, February 4, 2011, and road conditions continuing to deteriorate, something had to give.

Kathey Scott, the Executive Director of MOW, Grayson County Emergency Operations Center Manager Sarah Somers, County Judge Drue Bynum and Commissioner Johnny Waldrip serving as Operations Chief, worked together to formulate a plan to support a push to get the meals to the vulnerable population who needed them. "Operation Support Meals on Wheels" began.

It's interesting to know that on a good day in county government all the departments pretty much report to themselves – led by individual elected officials. And all of the agencies and cities within a county are also under their own management and local control. But when emergency conditions arise, Texas law provides a solution to allow the County Judge and his appointed emergency management coordinator, to provide direction, control and coordinated response to their community in need. At 10:30 a.m. on February 4, 2011, Judge Bynum signed a disaster declaration due to continued threat to the life and safety of the residents of Grayson County and activated the Grayson County Emergency Management Plan. (For you law buffs: this was done pursuant to Texas Government Code 418 – also less formally known as the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.)

After doing so, a different "hierarchy" serves the people of Grayson County with one, central coordinating point working from the Grayson County Emergency Operations Center.

So what happened next?

10:30...Disaster declaration signed by Judge

10:31...Meeting (in person & by telephone conference bridge) of EOC team supporting Operation

11:30...Assignments (meal delivery routes) made to:

- Task Force ["TF"] Denison

- TF Sherman

- TF Precinct 1

- TF Precinct 2

- TF Precinct 3/Whitesboro Fire

- TF Precinct 4

- TF Red Cross

11:31...Meal deliveries began

17:00...Meal deliveries complete

(except route TF Red Cross redirected briefly to structure fire)

18:30...All meal deliveries complete and TF demobilize

19:00...Report from EOC to Judge and Mayors/Cities

19:30...EOC returns to Level 3 (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Those are the basic facts. But the angels were in the details on Friday:

Elected officials, mostly county commissioners, picking up key personnel on treacherous roads to get them safely to the EOC and MOW kitchens so the plan could be finalized and implemented;

Mary Panos, the Judge's right hand assistant, who made the declaration a reality on paper and County Clerk Wilma Bush who made it proper and of record;

A task force led by Fire Chief Gordan Weger, Denison's emergency management coordinator, and Assistant Chief Bill Ray and made up of firefighters, public works, parks & rec and even the city attorney who made quick work of not just their city but across some of the more treacherous roads in the unincorporated area beyond their limits;

County precinct foremen and crews who knew the addresses on county roads like the backs of their own hands;

A Whitesboro fire chief (Kevin Walton) who called into the EOC to make sure we knew that ANYTIME people in the Whitesboro area couldn't get their meals Whitesboro Fire was there to help;

Commissioner Waldrip, whose experience in law enforcement as a Texas Ranger and Chief Deputy for Grayson County Sheriff's Office, served us well as Operations Chief in managing the 7 Task Forces;

Kathey Scott, MOW, and all of the MOW team, who graciously transitioned to "emergency mode" with us and worked hard to package over 2000 meals and hand them off to the Task Forces;

MOW individual volunteers who were still showing up and handling their usual routes;

Sharon Watson, Executive Director of Texoma Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, who carefully scribed the reports from the Task Forces, quietly rallied her troops and made arrangements for the feeding of the EOC crew (much better than we would have done for ourselves);

Donna Hyepock, EOC staff, who quickly and efficiently copied, scanned, and faxed routes of meals, managed EOC voicemail systems and just generally filled in the gaps;

Van Price, for doing what he always does – anything and everything asked. No EOC has a better lawyer ever present and watching over operations with an eye to the legal;

Our good friends with local media who quickly and effectively got the word out to those waiting on meals that help was on the way. No emergency management team is complete without the help of the people who tell the story day in and day out to our residents. And ours does it with grace and understanding; and

The Mayors of Grayson County – some of whom were peppered with texts and phone calls for information and support in their city from early morning. A word of special thanks to Mayor Sherri Howard of Tom Bean who also serves on the board of MOW.

Sometimes, when we refer to "Team Grayson" folks think we are referring to Grayson County employees. In emergency management, we work with the entire Grayson County community. And yesterday, Team Grayson in action was a sight to behold. Not just from the EOC but I imagine to those who opened their door to the first meal delivery in days.

Sarah Somers

Grayson County Emergency Management Coordinator



Area Austin College Students

See the World

January Study Abroad

SHERMAN, TEXAS-The first order of business for more than 200 Austin College students who will return to campus for the spring term on January 30 will be to return their internal clocks to Central Time after spending the college's January Term in locations around the globe. During the January Term, students take only one course, so many take advantage of the opportunity to participate in international travel courses. Other students complete in-depth explorations of academic special interest courses. Still others examine the world of work through internships and individual studies.

In January 2011, students are traveling with study courses exploring aspects of life, culture, history, and science in Argentina, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Spain, and Taiwan.

The courses included Argentina Immersion; Chinese Language Study; Italian Language Immersion; Learning Spanish in Guatemala; London & Paris: History of Science; London Theatre; Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern; Spanish in the Tropics: Costa Rica; Taiwan's Political Development; Turkey: Layers of History; and Spanish in Seville, Spain.

Local area participants in the international travel courses, along with the local high schools from which students graduated, their parents' names, and the countries visited follow.

Ada, Oklahoma - Erin Elizabeth Sweeney, Taiwan's Political Environment, Bishop Lynch High School, daughter of Shane Sweeney of Ada, Oklahoma, and Nancy Sweeney-May of Rowlett, Texas;

Allen, Texas - Anna Covington, Learning Spanish in Guatemala, Allen High School, daughter of Jerry and Betsy Covington; Adelia Gunderson, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Allen High School, daughter of

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Austin College Faculty Member Examines the Extreme Weather

“The Little Girl” Brings Extreme Weather to North Texas

SHERMAN, TEXAS - North Texas saw extreme weather last week, with inches of snow and ice, warnings to avoid driving, and rolling blackouts. Austin College closed the campus for two days to protect students who had just returned for the spring semester, and professors struggled to make it in for classes. Where did this intense weather come from?

David Baker, associate professor of physics, has the answer: “the little girl.”

La Niña, Spanish for “little girl,” is the name of an oceanic-atmospheric phenomenon that affects the temperature of the water in the Pacific Ocean. The other half of the trend is El Niño, which can lead to wetter summers for North Texas.

“La Niña is a shift in the location of warm water in the tropical Pacific Ocean,” Baker explains. “In El Niño years, warmer water resides in the eastern Pacific. In La Niña years, warmer water is in the western Pacific. The location changes every 3-7 years, with warm water sloshing back and forth across the Pacific basin. This shift causes weather patterns to change around the world.”

La Niña didn't cause the storms that pummeled North Texas with ice and snow, but it moved the jet stream of cold air so that the storms landed farther south than usual.

“Imagine that you have a warm fireplace and a cold open door in your house.

Distinctive warm and cold air circulations would develop. If the fireplace and door always stayed in the same place, you could easily adapt to the predictable weather in your home,” Baker said. “Now imagine that the fireplace and door change locations periodically. The air flow would change dramatically in your home. That's how El Niño and La Niña affect the global weather.”

Generally, Texas weather in La Niña years is drier. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website says, “La Niña often features

drier than normal conditions in the Southwest in late summer through the subsequent winter, and that “on average La Niña winters are warmer than normal in the Southeast and colder than normal in the Northwest.”

“This past week, the polar jet stream dipped farther south than normal, even further south than in most La Niña years,” Baker explained. “In normal years, the polar jet (and the associated cold Arctic air) would have stayed farther north.”

As a result, the Sherman area saw up to six inches of snow, though exact measurements are not available-the Austin College weather station only tracks liquid precipitation, not the slushy or icy mix that hit North Texas. Baker runs the college's weather station, located at the Sneed Environmental Research Area.

<http://weather.austincollege.edu/>

He said that from February 1 through 4, temperatures were 30 to 35 degrees below normal.

“February 2 saw a frigid high temperature of 20 degrees Fahrenheit and a low temperature of 12 degrees Fahrenheit, which is not quite a record. Wind chill temperatures were consistently below zero degrees Fahrenheit,” Baker reported. “February 3 saw a record low of 14 degree Fahrenheit, matching the record set in 1996, also a La Niña year.”

The sudden plunge in temperature snarled automobile and airplane travel, threatened the Super Bowl in Arlington, Texas, and closed schools and businesses around Sherman. The Herald Democrat reported that on Friday, February 4, Grayson County Judge Drue Bynum declared the county a disaster area, the first step in asking for financial assistance from the state.

Rolling power blackouts began on Wednesday, and food and natural gas deliveries were cut off, leading Austin College to close the campus for two days.

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Students See the World. continued

The Little Girl continued

Tabor, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Allen High School, daughter of Bill and Nancy Tabor;

Anna, Texas - Abbey Hayes, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Anna High School, daughter of Duane and Susan Hayes;

Bonham, Texas - Jarrett Tucker, London Theatre, Bonham High School, son of Jarrett and Rachael Tucker;

Denison, Texas - Tyler Batey, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Denison Senior High School, son of Leif and Vikki Batey; Evan Crise, Spanish in the Tropics (Costa Rica), son of Rachel Crise; Jeff Ridenour, London Theatre, Denison Senior High School, son of Billy and Lana Ridenour;

Gunter, Texas - Christiana Horn, London Theatre, Horn Christian Academy, daughter of Don and Virginia Horn; Jackson Thomas, Spanish in Seville, Spain, Gunter High School, son of Paul and Carmen Thomas;

Howe, Texas - Kayla Cook, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Howe High School, daughter of Morris and Julie Cook;

McKinney, Texas - Anna Bryant, Turkey: Layers of History, McKinney High School, daughter of John and Nancy Bryant; Margaret Edwards, Argentina Immersion, The Parish Episcopal School, daughter of Sara and David Edwards; Shan Guha, Argentina Immersion, McKinney North High School, son of Tappan Guha and Mita Guha; Erika Higginbotham, London & Paris: History of Science, McKinney North High School, daughter of Teddy and Monica Love; Craig Hinson, London Theatre, McKinney North High School, son of Jerry and Debbie Hinson; Claire Lifson, Spanish in the Tropics (Costa Rica), Berkner High School, daughter of Cindy Lawrence and Kipp Lifson;

Sherman, Texas - Toni Arias, Turkey: Layers of History, Sherman High School, daughter of Elizabeth Arias of Sherman, Texas, and Albert Arias of Washington, D.C.; Melaney Bilyeu, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Sherman High School, daughter of Walter and Susan

Bilyeu; Graham Crannell, London & Paris: History of Science, Sherman High School, son of Wayne and Julie Crannell; Greg Fife, Spanish in the Tropics (Costa Rica), Sherman High School, son of Butch and Susan Fife; Matt Huntsman, Taiwan s Political Environment, S & S Consolidated High School, son of Jacky and Lori Huntsman; Chris Melton, Argentina Immersion, Sherman High School, son of Stacy and Greg Melton; Lauren D. Morales, Spanish in the Tropics (Costa Rica), Sherman High School, daughter of Dr. Andres and Patricia Morales; Eristeo Perez, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Wylie High School, son of Cynthia Perez of Sherman, Texas, and Eristeo Perez Jr. of Wylie, Texas; Matt Rogers, Spanish in the Tropics (Costa Rica), Texoma Christian School, son of Harold and Diane Rogers; Adani Sanchez, Roman Italy: Ancient and Modern, Sherman High School, daughter of Isela Sanchez and Dennis Carter; Whitney Thomas, London & Paris: History of Science, Howe High School, daughter of Richard and Dorothy Thomas; Harris Tooley, Turkey: Layers of History, Home School Graduate, son of Hunt and Karen Tooley;

Trenton, Texas - Michéla Brumfield, Spanish in Seville, Spain, Trenton High School, daughter of Judy Brumfield and the late Lance Ott.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located approximately 30 minutes north of the greater Dallas metroplex in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope s influential book *Colleges that Change Lives*<<http://www.ctcl.com/>>.

In a campus-wide email to faculty and staff, President Marjorie Hass said, "In terms of policies, we do not close the college simply because it is difficult or even impossible for some people to get to campus." The email explained, "We do close the campus, however, when we are advised that our residential students will be safer if we limit access to campus or when the campus itself is not safe. This is what occurred on Wednesday and Thursday."

While the campus was closed, the students kept busy. Student Life organized a snowman-building competition, and resident assistants held door-decorating contests and encouraged students to make paper snowflakes to decorate their lobbies. Students made snow ice cream, went sledding, played football in the snow, and watched movie marathons.

Though the weather forecast for the week does predict another winter storm, Baker says the seasons should not be so bad.

"The polar jet will likely move further north in the next few weeks. In most La Niña years, our area experiences warmer drier weather during winter and early spring," he said. "So the outlook is rosy."

Just in case, however, Baker recommends that individuals have a plan for losing electricity. "It's important to have a personal safety plan to go a few days without electricity-food, water, blankets, firewood, full tank of gasoline," he said. "And of course, take a weather course at Austin College to be able to make your own weather forecasts."

He also noted that the last long cold snap that was similar to the recent weather was in 1989, which was the strongest La Niña year in the past 40 years. This year's La Niña, he said, is classified as moderate-to-strong.

Baker emphasized one final point: While scientists aren't yet sure of the link between La Niña and global warming-"At this time, the evidence isn't definitive," he said. "Scientists can't say for certain that there is a strong link between global warming and La Niña"-one big snow storm does not discredit global warming.

"A given weather event says very little about the long-term climate," he said.

"Suppose you are a runner training for a race (say a 100-meter dash). You are just starting out in your training. You will have good days and bad days-your times will not always improve day-to-day. But over the long term, your times will get better. In the same way, we might have brief cold weather events during long-term climate warming," he explained.

"Just because it has been colder here for a brief period doesn't mean that it is colder globally. One consequence of global warming is that weather extremes will become more dramatic. Similar to El Niño and La Niña, weather patterns will change as the global temperature balance shifts."

David Baker recently published *The 50 Most Extreme Places in the Solar System*, available at retailers everywhere. The book, as well as discussing the extremes of our eight planets, explores extreme weather patterns on Earth such as La Niña.

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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana

These Grandkids always have fun at the Christmas Tree Farm, and they really can sing - but my may not know it from this little video from 2009.



"Santa" Rideout



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

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When I was a young girl, I had a doll that I really loved. Her head was made of a soft rubber like material, but the body was made of another material that deteriorated from my playing with the doll.

Her name was Susie; and I loved her so much that when my mom made me throw her out, I kept the head and stored it in my closet.

I don't know if my mom ever found out about the fact that I kept the head, but I am sure that somewhere down the line, the Susie doll's head was disposed of in the trash.

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WHAT'S COOKING?

Baked French Toast

4 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
dash of nutmeg
1 cup milk
8 slices bread
Preheat oven to 450°F.

Combine eggs, sugar, salt, vanilla, nutmeg and milk in a large pie plate. Dip the bread slices in the egg mixture coating well, but do not soak.

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat, Jr.

Hello all you who are following us on the internet. You are in the leading edge of what is going on in the world today. You saw us move to a web-based newspaper as of the first of January. You came with us in spite of the folks that told you it would not work.

Well, we are in the top of the tops. Our visit at Texas Press Association showed us that we are probably the first in the state of Texas to quit printing and go entirely on the internet. Some other major news publication have done the same, but most just add the web site and continue with printing.

On February 1, on the Fox network, Rupert Murdoch made this announcement. "We do not have a printing press. We do not have trucks making deliveries. We do not use any paper." He was announcing the first edition of "The Daily." The Daily is just as the name announces a daily news magazine published on Apple's I-Pod. For about 14 cents a day you can get this electronic newspaper delivered right to your I-Pod.

News Corporation, the owner and publisher of The Daily has a one year contract with Apple. After that year you can get Apps for The Daily for other electronic media.

The announcement mentions that the younger generation is truly reading and using news, but now on the electronic edition rather than newspaper.

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Howe's That, continued

Those of you who know me well, know that I have a daughter named Susie. Her formal name is Roni Sue (named for her dad and my favorite doll – also one of my favorite aunts was named Susie although she went by Lorene). Her brother, who older than she is, called her “Baby Sue” and that led to the name of “Susie.”

Here it is Wednesday, Feb. 9, and we have more snow and ice. I am wondering if our school kids will get to learn all the things they need to learn this year.

Recipe continued

Place bread slices on a well-greased baking sheet. Bake at 450°F for 10 minutes. Turn slices over and bake an additional 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve immediately with honey or maple syrup. Makes 8 slices.
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They stated that some 200,000,000 APPS for news media have been sold over the past few months.

The Daily will have 100 journalists working for them. In addition to daily updates, they will have real time news updates whenever breaking news happens.

OK. So who is Rupert Murdoch? According to Wikipedia, “**Keith Rupert Murdoch, AC, KSG** (born 11 March 1931) is an Australian-American media magnate and the founder, Chairman, and CEO of News Corporation.

Beginning with one newspaper in Adelaide, Murdoch acquired and started other publications in his native Australia before expanding News Corp. into the United Kingdom, United States and Asian media markets. Although it was in Australia in the late 1950s that he first dabbled in television, he later sold these assets, and News Corp.'s Australian current media interests (still mainly in print) are restricted by cross-media ownership rules. Murdoch's first permanent foray into TV was in the USA, where he created Fox Broadcasting Company in 1986. In the 2000s, he became a leading investor in satellite television, the film industry and the Internet, and purchased a leading American newspaper, The Wall Street Journal.

Rupert Murdoch was listed three times in the Time 100 as one among the most influential people in the world. He is ranked 13th most powerful person in the world in the 2010 Forbes's The World's Most Powerful People list. With a net worth of \$6.3 billion, he is ranked 117th wealthiest person in the world.

Well, Old Man and his Lady were just one month ahead of Mr. Murdoch in eliminating paper, trucks, and printing presses. You do not need to pay 14 cents an issue as they offer it for free. Take note of their advertisers because those are the folks who are paying for you to get you local news through the Texoma Enterprise.

We do not believe that all newspapers will someday be electronic. There will always be folks who want to hold the paper in their hands. They want to fold it and unfold it. They want to take it in their pocket or purse. But, printing costs got too high for us. We continue to serve you in the best way we can and are very encouraged by your kind words. This news about Robert Murdoch sure helps, too.

See you next week.

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Home Care & Hospice Workers Launch “Operation Care Stronger”



AUSTIN, Tex.- February, 2011 - Texas home care and hospice workers will give special recognition and attention to their clients during a statewide “Operation Care Stronger” program in February. Home care and hospice agencies provide skilled and supportive care from simple assistance in activities of daily living to high-tech IV therapy to persons of all ages throughout the state. Services include preventive, acute, sub-acute, rehabilitative, long-term, and end of life care.

Anita Bradberry, Executive Director of the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice, said that “participating home care and hospice agencies will provide their clients with a special Valentine’s Day greeting to highlight the effort, reinforcing the concern and respect we have for those who can no longer live completely independently.”



Home care and hospice care provides tens of thousands of Texans the choice to remain in their homes instead of being placed in institutional care. “Consumers without families especially need to be reminded that there are those who care and respect them and Valentine’s Day is the perfect time to make that point,” Bradberry said.

She encouraged other Texans to remember their friends and neighbors who are sick, medically fragile, have disabilities or terminal illnesses, who are children, young adults or elderly, and to let them know that Texas cares.

There are more than 4,500 licensed agencies in Texas. The Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice Inc., is a statewide non-profit trade organization whose mission is to promote quality and economic viability of licensed providers of home and community support services in Texas. Many clients are served under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as private insurance or private arrangements.

Tommy J. Turner

SHERMAN - Funeral services for Tommy J. Turner will be held at 10 am Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Western Heights Church of Christ. Pastor Kenny Richardson of the Crossroads Baptist Church in Longview will officiate and Judge James Fry will deliver the eulogy. Burial with Masonic rites will follow at Holloway with Lance Turner, David Lawson, Steven Lawson, Jerry Lynn Cheeks, Tyler Turner, and Reece Taplin serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Grayson County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Turner, 62, passed away Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 at Texas Health Presbyterian-WNJ.



Tommy was born Feb. 13, 1948 in Sherman to the late Luster and Eddy Jo (Nunly) Turner. He graduated from Sherman High School in 1966 and married Linda Reece on July 6, 1967. Tommy served in the U.S. Air Force for four years before starting a career in law enforcement that lasted over thirty years.

After retiring from the Grayson County Sheriff's Department in 2006, Tommy became a Special Investigator for Child Protective Services, where he was currently employed. He was truly loved by all who knew him and he loved all. He and his wife Linda had forty-three and a half wonderful years of marriage. They had two children who were the light of his life. Tommy was a member of the Andrew Randell Masonic Lodge and the Western Heights Church of Christ.

Mr. Turner is survived by his wife, Linda of Sherman; one son, Tim Turner and his wife Gina of Whitesboro; daughter, Melissa Taplin and husband Sean of Garland; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Nicole, Rachael, and Abby Turner of Whitesboro and Reece, Tommy, and Jonathan Taplin of Garland; two brothers, L.J. Turner and wife Kathy of Como, and David Bramblett and wife Sharon of Houston; two sisters, Linda Howard and husband Bob of Sherman and Nancy Lawson and husband Rollie of Farmer's Branch; stepmother, Essie Turner of Carrollton; five nephews, four nieces, and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm Tuesday at Waldo Funeral

of the family. Palmer & Swank Funeral Home, Rockwell City is serving the family.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Susan (Tim) Quade of Manson, and Shelly (Brent) Keiser of Rockwell City; grandchildren, Julie and Ben Quade; sisters, Elaine (Tim) Lange of Rockwell City, and Michelle (Mac) McKinnon of Davison, MI; brothers, Wayne (Vicki) Johnson of Columbia, MO, and Clark (Brenda) Johnson of Rockwell City, and Scott Johnson of Anamosa; and other relatives and friends.

Phyllis Johnson Stoffregen

Rockwell City, Iowa - Phyllis Johnson Stoffregen 64, passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at the Paula J. Baber Hospice Home in Ft. Dodge. Her wishes were to be cremated. A Celebration of Life Service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, east of Rockwell City, with Pastor Chadric Dietrich officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the discretion



Nora Ella Madison

(1934-2011)

Nora Ella Madison of Howe passed away peacefully Feb. 5, 2011. She was born Sept. 25, 1934 in Greenwood, Ark. to George and Hazel Roberts.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bob, a daughter, Mitzi Gant and her husband Gaylin, a son, Mike Madison and his wife Becky and three grandchildren, Ryan and Emily Gant, and Christian Madison. She is also survived by her sister, Pat Bolling.

Nora's family wishes to acknowledge the loving care provided by the staff of Pecan Point Assisted Living Center in Sherman.

A celebration of her life was held at 11 am Tuesday, Feb. 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Pottsboro, with Rev. Ally Perry officiating. Dannel Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests offerings be directed to Home Hospice of Grayson County or St. John's Episcopal Church.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.dannelfuneralhome

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Rusk's Capitol role

by Bob Bowman

This month, Texans will quietly celebrate the 117th anniversary of the completion of the Texas Capitol in Austin.

But, as in past observances, there will be little acknowledgment of the role that East Texas, especially the town of Rusk, played in the capitol's completion.

East Texans who visit the capital may guess that some of its woodwork came from East Texas forests, but they rarely realize that the iron staircases and mammoth columns were produced by Texas convicts housed in the old State Penitentiary at Rusk (now a hospital for the mentally ill).

Thanks to a master's degree thesis written by Sandra Fuller Allen at Stephen F. Austin State University in 1974, we have an enlightening account of the role Rusk played in the Capitol's construction in the late 1880s.

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Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



by Dorothy N. Fowler

Because I wanted to attract the redbirds that nest in my across-the-fence-neighbors' red tipped photinia, I bought a bird feeder, filled it first with generic wild bird feed and then with black sun flower seeds. In addition to the birdfeeder, I have a squirrel feeder attached to a huge tree not far from the bird feeder. I keep it filled with critter feed and roasted peanuts in the shell.

Those of you more experienced with squirrels than I, who grew up in the desert with non-climbing prairie dogs, know that at the end of this first week of the sunflower seeds, I now have a squirrel farm.

You probably also know that squirrels are not all alike, a fact that I learned about hummingbirds many years ago, but never thought might be true of squirrels. There are big squirrels, small squirrels, gray squirrels, brown squirrels and one great big fellow (might be a great big girl squirrel) whose fur is black, tinged with gray.

They all seem to be able to climb anything, including the steel pole on which the bird feeder is hanging. I knew they could climb the tree to which the squirrel feeder is attached and have delighted in watching one climb in and then climb out, perching on the roof of the feeder, while one of his squirrely buddies climbs in to take his turn. I knew squirrels could climb the fence, clinging to its rough surface with their sharp little claws and that they could walk the telephone and power lines, leaping from them into the trees with amazing surefire dexterity.

I didn't dream they could climb a steel pole that to my hands is smooth and slick, but they do. Sometimes they start in the middle of the pole by leaping from the fence onto the pole, but just as often, they start at the base and climb three or four feet, then cling with their back feet to the pole while they reach with their front feet to the bird feeder. They pull it over to them long enough to get a seed or two, and, of course, to spill a good portion of the seeds on the ground under the bird feeder. When they lose their grip with their back legs, they either fall lightly to the ground, or take a mighty leap to the fence.

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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

A contract executed between the Texas Capitol Commission and contractor Gus Wilke called for Rusk's prison to produce some two million pounds of structural cast iron items for the capitol, including castings for the principal columns, pedestals and caps, the dome and other ornamental work.

The state earlier built a 25-ton blast furnace, known as Old Alcade, at Rusk with R.A. Barrett as its superintendent. The furnace originally made items such as kettles, sash weights, and farm implements, but was used for capitol iron when Barrett became a consultant for the capitol project.

Transporting the heavy iron items from Rusk to Austin posed a problem. Since horse-drawn wagons could carry less than a ton over unpaved roads, which were impassable in poor weather, the answer lay with the railroads.

At the time, Rusk's rail connections to Austin were interrupted by an unserved stretch between Alto and Lufkin. Convicts were soon assigned to build 22 miles of narrow gauge railroad to connect the Kansas and Gulf Short Line with the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad at Lufkin.

But that didn't totally resolve the transportation issue. The convicts' line was narrow gauge while other lines used standard gauge rails. The difference forced haulers to unload the iron castings from one track and load them on another--a maneuver repeated several times before the iron arrived in Austin.

Some of the Rusk castings were substituted with new parts because of changes in the capitol plans. The drawings of the capitol dome called for cast-iron plates, but galvanized iron from Belgium was substituted because of the weight of the Rusk castings.

When the columns for the capitol colonnade were delivered to Austin, they were rejected by two Building Commission members because of their weight. However, since granite (which had been chosen over limestone for the capitol's exterior) would have doubled the weight, the rejection of the Rusk iron was revoked and the columns were installed.

Today, thousands of people visit the Texas Capitol every day. While some may recognize that cast-iron was used in its construction, few know the iron was built by prison hands in an East Texas community.

(Bob Bowman is the author of almost 50 books on East Texas history and folklore. He can be re reached at bob-bowman.com)

Dot's Dashes, continued

The squirrels do not seem to bother the birds, although I think the birds would prefer not to have to eat out of the same dish. The number of birds, like the number of squirrels, is proliferating. There are several more female birds than there were at first, but I have not yet learned to recognize different males. I know there are several because I can see more than three sitting in the tree. There is also a mockingbird, which surprises me because this is the wrong time of year for mockingbirds, and I believe I saw a blue jay.

All this rodent and fowl activity drives Booger Bear, my intrepid Yorkie, crazy. He cannot understand why I not only tolerate these interlopers, but also have encouraged them. At first, he charged the critters as soon as he saw them, barking wildly, standing below the tree warning them that they were on his territory. I reprimanded him, a rash act which I regret. Now he stands quietly, watching the squirrels until he sees one on the ground and then, like a lion stalking its prey, charges it, silently and, dare I say it, doggedly. The intended victim leaps to the fence or up the tree, and Booger stares at him or her, hatred flowing from every pore and flashing from his eyes.

I don't know what he would do were he to catch a squirrel



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HISD Menus

Feb. 14-18

Breakfast

Monday- Glazed donuts, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced pears, apple juice

Tuesday- Biscuits & sausage, cereal w/toast, spiced apples, orange juice

Wednesday – Pancakes on a stick, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, strawberry cups, grape juice

Thursday Blueberry muffin w/toast, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Friday Egg/toast/sausage, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange slices, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY – Hamburger, Frito pie, potato rounds, burger fixins, corn cobbette, diced pears, Valentine ice cream

TUESDAY – Chicken rings, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, Squash casserole, spiced apples, wheat roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY – State Fair corn dog, fish strips, steamed mixed vegetables, grape juice, mac & cheese, chocolate chip cookie

THURSDAY –Cheese pizza, ravioli casserole/toast garden salad, fruit cocktail, carrot sticks, frozen fruit bar

FRIDAY-Chicken crispeto, fajita quesadilla, tossed salad, refried beans, orange halves, Spanish rice
Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability

HHS Girls Basketball

On Monday, Feb. 7, the Howe Varsity Girls basketball team defeated the Pottsboro, 46-24, with Jennifer Vincent scoring 15 points and 10 rebounds. Kathy Courtney put in 12 points. Also scoring were Bailey Southern, 6; Gretchen Debner, 5; Megan Thurston, 2; Madison Kirby, 2; Amber Thurston 2; and Erin Taylor, 2. The team standing is 15-12, 7-5.

HHS Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs (11-11, 5-5)lost to Pottsboro, 66-55, on Monday, Feb. 7. Scoring for Howe were Alex Torres, 21; Ryan Haynes, 9; Clay Marable, 8; Colby Ake, 7; Casey Davis, 4; Eric Grisolia, 3, Collin Lankford. 3.

Howe ISD Calendar

February

9-20 – San Antonio Stock Show

9-13 – TMEA Convention and All-State Band

11 – HMS UIL events @Pottsboro

11 – Early release

12 – HMS Red Carpet Student Council Dance

14-26 – San Angelo Stock Show

14 – Valentine Parties

14 – Athletic Boosters meeting, 7pm, HHS

17 – School Board meeting, 6pm, Administration Bldg.

19 – HHS UIL Band Solo/Ensemble Contest

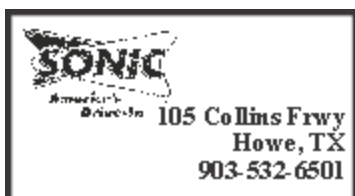
19 – Boys & Girls Powerlifting Meet @Howe, 8am

21 – Band Boosters meeting, 6:30pm @HHS

Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information



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DAIRYLAND DONKEY BALL

Enjoy the Fun on February 25

New rodeo stars will be born during the wild and crazy Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show at Tom Bean High School on Feb. 25, starting at 7 pm.

It is basketball played on real, live donkeys and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus! All local players will be riding, so come out and see someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time. It's a thrill a minute, a spill a minute. Laugh as you've never laughed before at Honeygot, Earthquake, Hemorrhoid, Elvis and Ex-Lax!

See Buckmaster, world famous comedy donkey. 500 pounds of pure dynamite! He's rough and tough and hard to bluff... and hasn't been ridden yet!

This fun-filled show is sponsored by the Tom Bean High School Junior Class. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the Jr. – Sr. Prom.

Other attractions include a pre-game Dodgeball Tournament (starting at 4 pm), free donkey rides for kids under 12 (accompanied by a parent) at intermission, and a Baked Potato or Chili Dog meal deal for only \$4.

Advance tickets for the game are \$6 and are available at the Tom Bean High School office. Admission at the gate is \$8.

Pre-schoolers are admitted free.

For more information, call Sharon Stephens at 903-546-6319, ext. 104



TOM BEAN

Area Chamber of Commerce Disbands

Due to the signs of troubling economic times along with lack of participation and community interest, the Tom Bean Area Chamber of Commerce members voted Monday night, Feb. 7, to disband the organization.

The organization was started in 1983 in which a handful of citizens formed a very successful group during those days. Last year the Chamber and the City of Tom Bean worked together financially to be able to finish out the kitchen in the Community Center at city hall.

The members voted to use the remaining bank balance for one final \$500 scholarship this year to a very deserving Tom Bean High School student and keep the website active for another year. The members also suggested that since this organization would no longer be involved in welcoming new businesses to town that a group named "Ambassadors of the City" would be created to do the welcoming of the new businesses.

Since the recent passing of the Type A and Type B Sales tax back in May 2010, the Type A and Type B Board of Directors have been very active since the first of the year and this activity will play a big role in the future of Tom Bean. The Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all that supported this organization these past years.

TOM BEAN

8th Grade Boys Basketball

The 8th grade boys basketball team improved their record to 8-2 Monday night, Feb. 7, in Howe. The team played one of their best games of the year getting ready for the district tournament this coming weekend.

The team had a balanced attack with 6 players making the scoring column. Dylan Ashlock 9 points, Grant Jones and Tanner Ellis had 8 points each followed by Andrew McBride, Tyler Danner and Hunter Book with 6 points.

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TOM BEAN ELEMENTARY

Honor Rolls

“A” Honor Roll--3rd Six Weeks - Erica Alexander, MaKayla Alexander, Natalie Alexander, Ben Allen, Nicholas Allen, Ryan Amberson, Dylan Avila, Ellie Bailey, Chloe Battles, Baylee Bean, Jillian Beck, Tanner Booth, Taylor Brown, Morgan Bryant, Abby Burns, Brooke Buskirk, Cameron Canada, Rhone Carlson, Jessica Carter, Bryce Clark, Kendal Cole, Landon Collum, Dillon Curd, Alyssa Edwards, Macy Edwards, Tanner Enslow, Abby Farrer, Chloe Farrer, Hannah Fisher, Riley Ford, Alexa Foy, Jayde Freeman, Reid Fuller, Payton Garland, Faith Golleher, Jolie Goss, Jeremiah Goss, Rebekah Gross, Laci Hamilton, Maddy Harris, William Harris, Kaleigh Higginbotham, Cheyenne Hightower, Kalie Hill, Madison Holmes, Zach Hunt, Tanner Johns, Andrew Johnson, Abbie Jones, Aiden Jones, Seth Kee, Cooper King, Owen Langford, Sophia Langford, Marisa Lankford, Alyssa LeDane, Jack Lifsey, Emma Lowing, Mandy Mack, Jewel Mason, Jacob Mathes, Kara Mathes, Johnathan McGee, Claire McMeen, Zane McNealy, Madison McWater, Sarah Miller, Ian Morris, Patrick Oates, Kyleigh Oates, Janna Payne, Hank Peeples, Emily Pennell, Halle Phares, Alexis Pieratt, Perla Ponder, Dakotah Punzel, Sierra Punzel, Tristan Punzel, Lillie Rodgers, Maggie Rodgers, Samantha Rodgers, Emily Rogers, Jayden Roland, BreAnna Schmeidler, Kyndle Selman, Jeffrey Smith, Melanie South, Emory Stevens, Jacob Stratton, Morgan Stroud, Hayden Thompson, Ethan Tillett, Kaelyn Toone, Brayden Tumlinson, Ariel Waller, Kody Wampler, Blake Watson, Levi Webster, Ryan Weems, Kimberly Williams, Perry Williams, Shannon Williams, Victoria Wilson, Cheyanne Worley, Robert Worsham, Kaleb Wyrick, Briana Yale, Kayla Youngs and Powell Zuniga.

3rd Six Weeks--Perfect Attendance-2010-2011 - Sydney Achimon, Erica Alexander, Natalie Alexander, Max Allen, Chauk Bailey, Ellie Bailey, Austin Barron, Kolton Barron, Jillian Beck, Chandler Boyd, Lidda Briley, Madison Brinkley, Kendal Britton, Taylor Brown, Connor Bryant, Isabelle Carlson, Rhone Carlson, Jessica Carter, Dylan Chapman, Natalie Chapman, Bryce Clark, Fallon Clark, Morgan Clark, Payton Clark, Landon Collum, Carly Cox, Cody Cox, Kelly Cox, Mary Cox, Madison Cureton, Ashlyne Detzel, Austin Detzel, Justin Detzel, Kirsten Duncan, Caden Edwards, Allie Ellis, Brianna Faison, Abby Farrer, Chloe Farrer, Hannah Fisher, Lucas Fitzgerald, Patrick Fitzgerald, Brantly Flynn-Winters, Caden Ford, Riley Ford, Lindsey Garner, Shaylen Garrison, Branden Green, Destiney Gregory, Rebekah Gross, William Harris, Camillia Hayes, Delaney Hemming, Anna Higginbotham, Makaylah Higgs, Paysha Hightower, Kalie Hill, Kenzie Hill, Alexa Holloway, Madison Holmes, Blake Hood, David Huckaby, James Huckaby, Zach Hunt, Abbie Jones, Aiden Jones, Austin Jones, Colby Jones, Seth Kee, Kayla Kennington, Hunter Knight, Sophia Langford, Daley Langston, Cheyann Lifsey, Jack Lifsey, Emma Lowing, Tori Martin, Elizabeth Mason, Jewel Mason, Kara Mathes, Austin May, Johnathan McGee, Claire McMeen, Maren McNealy, Zane McNealy, Ian Morris, Macey Morrow, Tom Newell, Ayden Norton, Faith Norton, Kyleigh Oates, Patrick Oates, Janna Payne, Hank Peeples, Halle Phares, Halle Phares, Hunter Phillips, Alexis Pieratt, Kakana Puana, Corbin Ramey, Ethan Ramey, Melony Rasor, J.J. Reynolds, Katie Reynolds, Kolt Rigsbay, Savannah

Roberson, Maggie Rodgers, Emily Rogers, Blayne Royal, Kasey Sanders, Taya Sanders, Caden Severns, Lexi Shields, Chelsea Signer, Jeffrey Smith, Parker Steele, Charlie Stofa, Jacob Stratton, Hayden Thompson, Brayden Tumlinson, Bethany VanDeren, Cadey Vickers, Alana Wallin, Aliah Wallin, Brea Wallin, Blake Watson, Levi Webster, La'Rue Weems, Prosper Weems, Ryan Weems, Kelly Welch, Chandler Wilhelm, Gavin Williams, Jaelyne Williams, Kayla Williams, Kimberly Williams, Kyleigh Williams, Lexi Williams, Perry Williams, Victoria Wilson, Kaleb Wyrick, Bailey Yale and Conner Yearry.

“A/B” Honor Roll--3rd Six Weeks - Sydney Achimon, Zach Adcock, Katy Allen, Max Allen, Chelsie Ball-Wright, Ryan Barker, Dustin Barnett, Chandler Boyd, Cheyann Brady, Christopher Brady, Kendal Britton, Isabelle Carlson, Jeremiah Caudill, Morgan Clark, Jonisun Comola, Cody Cox, Kelly Cox, Marly Cox, Mary Cox, Tucker Davidson, Justin Detzel, Mark Dickison, Melanie Dickison, Kirsten Duncan, Allie Ellis, Brianna Faison, Patrick Fitzgerald, Makilia Flowers, Brantly Flynn-Winters, Lindsey Garner, Kassidy Glenn, Macy Graves, Branden Green, Destiney Gregory, Heather Heistand, Anna Higginbotham, Caleb Higgs, Makaylah Higgs, Paysha Hightower, Kenzie Hill, Kelsey Hodgdon, Alexa Holloway, Brennen Houser, Kennedy Howery, Briana Johnson, Austin Jones, Kayla Kennington, Hunter King, Madison Kirby, Daley Langston, Austin Lee, Isis Lewis, Cheyann Lifsey, Releigh Mack, Justice Marrs, Tori Martin, Shelby Mason, Damion McDowell, Lyndsey McGraw, Caden Miller, Kaleb Miller, Dalton Moore, Alec Narro, Gabriella Narro, Sierra Naylor-Horn, Tom Newell, Ayden Norton, Faith Norton, Hunter Phillips, Kakana Puana, Corbin Ramey, Ethan Ramey, Melony Rasor, J.J. Reynolds, Katie Reynolds, Cody Rigsbay, Danielle Rigsbay, Riley Robinson, Skylar Robinson, Blayne Royal, Taya Sanders, Paige Skaggs, Leyton Smith, Mackenzie Smitherman, Parker Steele, Alayne Stevens, Charlie Stofa, Nicholas Vallecilla, Bethany VanDeren, Cadey Vickers, Aliah Wallin, Brea Wallin, Sevin Washington, Kelly Welch, Tori Wheeler, Ty Wheeler, Taylor Whitehurst, Chandler Wilhelm, Cadence Williams, Jaelyne Williams, Kayla Williams, Kyleigh Williams, Lexi Williams, Taylor Williams, Kaylynn Williams, Alexia Womack, Bailey Yale and Conner Yearry.

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The Van Alstyne Library regrets the inconvenience to those who braved the icy roads on Wednesday and Thursday to visit the library. Like many businesses, we were closed on those days because of weather. We closed at 2 pm on Tuesday and did not open again until Saturday morning. For those of you who had books due during the time we were closed, we assure you that you won't be charged fines. We expect to be open our normal hours this week, but just in case we have a weather closure on Wednesday, call that day to be sure we are open.

Have you taken the time to advocate for libraries this past week? If you haven't, please contact Senator Craig Estes at www.estes.senate.state.tx.us and Representative Larry Phillips at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us to ask them to support Texas libraries as important budget decisions are made by the legislature. The Senate Finance Committee is meeting on Feb. 17 to discuss extensive cutbacks in State Library financing that will drastically affect services of Texas libraries, including the Van Alstyne Library.

Over a 10 year span, the Loan Star Grant has provided \$32,687 for services of the Van Alstyne Library.

This is direct aid from the state, to be used to promote and improve library services. The proposed elimination of Loan Star Grant funding will affect the children's programming in our library. Part of the salary of our children's assistant comes from the Loan Star Grant. If we lose this funding, her hours will be reduced, and the number of programs the library offers for children will be reduced.

The proposed elimination of TexShare databases will cripple our library's ability to provide the information you need. The TexShare databases are available 24/7 on our website for our patrons. The value of the databases is \$63,845 for the nominal cost to VAPL of only \$79 a year. These databases are what make it possible for the Van Alstyne library to provide the same information available in much larger libraries.

These are only two of several proposals which the preliminary state budget includes that will slash spending for the State Library. For more information, and for links to advocacy sites, go to www.txla.org/take-action.

Please contact your Texas Legislature representatives immediately. The time for action is NOW.



Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

The regular meeting of the Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters was called to order by MJ Presley, Sergeant-at-Arms on Feb. 7, at the Grayson College South Campus. Joy Cole was Toastmaster of the Day. M.J. Presley spoke on "Tell Me That Again?," and was evaluated by Sally Hall. Chuck Bardroff spoke on "Don't Get Treed by a Chihuahua," and was evaluated by Charles Bannister. Table Topics Master Sally Hall called on Juanita Hazelton, Charles Bannister, and Merrill Hazelton for two minutes on topics of her choosing. Juanita Hazelton was the Timer and Joke Master. Ribbons were won by M.J. Presley for Best Speaker, Merrill Hazelton for Best Table Topic, and Sally Hall for Best Evaluation. Vickie Godwin was guest.

A short business meeting followed. Area Governor M.J. Presley reminded everyone to attend the Area International Speech and Evaluation Contest on April 7. A Contest Chair is still needed. One more VAV officer needs to be trained. The next Toastmasters Leadership Institute is Saturday, Feb. 12. Charles Bannister will be Toastmaster at the Feb. 14 VAV meeting.

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills. Toastmasters can help people build their self-confidence and develop speaking skills in a friendly, positive environment. Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meets each Monday evening at 7 pm at Grayson College South Campus in Van Alstyne, Room 111. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.

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Second Saturday at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will feature a presentation on Rusty Blackbirds on Feb. 12. The speaker, Dr. Jason Luscier is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Austin College in Sherman. Luscier is an active member of the Steering Committee for the International Rusty Blackbird Working Group, a consortium of scientists and conservationists collaborating efforts towards understanding population declines of this songbird. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, data from the Breeding Bird Survey show that Rusty Blackbirds, for example, have declined by 95% since the 1960s, indicating a loss of tens of millions of birds. The program will begin at 10 am, in the Audio Visual Classroom at the Refuge, which is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, 75092.

Luscier's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and a Master of Science and a PhD in Wildlife Biology from the University of Arkansas. Luscier's research interests include

evaluating population dynamics and habitat use patterns of threatened and declining bird species (including the Rusty Blackbird).

The Second Saturday Nature Program Series is sponsored by Hagerman NWR and the Friends of Hagerman. Programs are free and open to the public, with seating on a first come first serve basis.

In addition, Second Saturday for Youth is also offered, for children ages 4 - 10. Those 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent. The youths' topic for Feb. 12 will be "This is For the Birds." Leaders for the event will be Katie Palmer and Marie Lynn. Due to limited space until the new Visitor Center is completed, reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the Refuge office, 903 786 2826.

For more information, call the Refuge or visit www.friendsofhagerman.com.



DPS Says: “Just Say No to Telemarketers.”

The Department of Public Safety is warning Texans to be wary of any private charitable solicitations by telemarketers on behalf of the department.

“It should be absolutely clear that the Department of Public Safety will never solicit financial contributions from private citizens. DPS is funded by tax dollars and will never call your home or business to solicit donations,” said Steven C. McCraw, director of DPS.

DPS has received a number of complaints over the years from citizens complaining of rudeness and high pressure tactics being used by individuals using the good name and/or logo of the department and often times in conjunction with the untimely death of a state trooper.

Private organizations cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers or other police agencies in a manner that is intended to confuse or mislead a person being solicited. Violations are criminal offenses and punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000, a jail term up to one year, or both.

DPS advises citizens not to give money to these groups as the funds are not likely to go to the causes that are claimed. Some groups include in their names the terms, “Texas Rangers,” State Troopers,” “Texas Highway Patrol,” or “Department of Public Safety.”

While some current or former officers may be members of some of these associations on their own time, these organizations are not affiliated with the DPS nor do they represent the department. Many of these organizations provide only a small percent of their donations for good causes, with the majority of the donations going to administrative and operational purposes.

Some of these organizations suggest that official looking decals placed on personal vehicles that resemble official DPS affiliation may somehow keep the individual from receiving a traffic citation from law enforcement. There is also a lack of public accountability and transparency by many of these organizations.

If you are contacted by a group you believe is misrepresenting itself as part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General’s Office at 1-800-621-0508.



Safety Tips - Winter Driving

When the weather changes, so do driving conditions. The following information can help you drive safely when winter weather strikes.

The National Weather Service (<http://www.weather.gov/>) is also another source of important information.

Check the road conditions (text (http://www.txdot.gov/travel/road_conditions.htm) or map (http://www.txdot.gov/travel/map_disclaimer.htm) search) in your area (or call 800-452-9292), and stay tuned to local news broadcasts for more information on roadway and weather conditions.

Remove snow and ice from your vehicle before you drive, making sure the headlights and taillights are visible.

Accelerate slowly.
Increase your following distance.

Brake gently in slow, steady strokes to see how much traction you have, and begin braking early when approaching intersections or stops.

Approach bridges, shaded spots, overpasses and turns slowly.

Never use cruise control in winter driving conditions.

Use non-freezing windshield washer liquid.

Use snow tires and/or chains (where allowed).

If stranded, call the Texas Department of Public Safety's (<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/>)stranded motorist hotline toll-free at (800) 525-5555.

For additional road condition information, follow us on Twitter (http://www.txdot.gov/news/twitter_feeds.htm).

Winter Survival Kit

Keep the following items in your vehicle.

- Flares
- Blankets and warm clothes
- Shovel and scraper
- Flashlight and batteries
- Candles or Sterno Flame
- Lighter or matches
- First-aid kit
- Booster cable
- Chain/tow strap
- Non-perishable food
- Water

Auto Safety Checklist

Check and maintain these vehicle components.

- Ignition
- Battery
- Headlights and taillights
- Brakes
- Wiper blades
- Antifreeze level
- Fuel and exhaust systems
- Heater/defroster
- Tires



Cornyn & Hutchison Report on Ft. Hood Shootings

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) released the following statements regarding the release of the bipartisan report by Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joe Lieberman (ID- CT) and Ranking Member Susan Collins (R-ME) on the failures of the U. S. government to prevent the November 5, 2009 shooting at the Fort Hood Army base:

“This report makes clear that the FBI and the DoD, between them, had enough pieces of the puzzle to prevent Major Nidal Hasan from committing this atrocity, but failed to do so. It also confirms that military leaders failed to confront the threat of homegrown Islamic terrorism within their own ranks,” said Senator Cornyn. “We must never allow the safety of those who defend our freedom to play second fiddle to political correctness. It is unacceptable that the DoD and FBI failed so miserably to protect the brave Americans who were killed and wounded at Fort Hood that day and this report should serve as a call to action for Congress. The time for these reforms is now, before more innocent lives are taken. The Fort Hood community is still healing, but it is highly resilient and will continue to play a key role in ensuring our national security.”

Senator Hutchison said, “I commend the work of the committee to deepen our understanding of how the worst act of domestic terrorism since 9/11 unfolded. The report reveals what many of us feared - there were clear and troubling warning signs that were ignored. We must learn from the violent attack at Fort Hood so we can prevent future tragedies.”

Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Save Texas History Contest

This week, the Texas House continued to take care of procedural business while members are awaiting their committee assignments. Members fill out committee preference cards after the House Rules have passed, which establish the standing and procedural committees for the session. Members are assigned committees based on two factors: seniority and personal preference. The process of assigning committees to the 150 members takes quite a bit of time, but assignments are expected next week.

This week the General Land Office announced the start of its “Save Texas History Texas Travels” essay contest. This contest is open to fourth and seventh grade students, and has a grand prize of a weekend in San Antonio including airfare, hotel, and attraction tickets. Finalists also receive other fun prizes, and are acknowledged on the Save Texas History Website and participate in recognition events.

Fourth-graders are asked to write a 200-300 word essay in which they imagine they are an early explorer of Texas, such as Cabeza de Vaca, Coronado, or de la Salle. The writer must explain from the explorer’s point of view why they are exploring Texas and what they see as they travel. The entry should also explain the explorer’s plans to settle the new land and what they have accomplished over their travels.

The essays by seventh-graders should be between 500-700 words and tell the history of the writer’s favorite city, big or small. The essay should explain the historical significance of the town and how the community was important to the development of Texas.

All entries must be postmarked by February 26, and submitted to the Texas General Land Office. Entry forms and additional information on the contest can be found on the Save Texas History Website at www.savetexashistory.org or by calling 800-998-4456.

For more information on this contest or any other state matter, please contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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Excerpts from the Governor's State of the State address, Feb 8, 2011

As legislators, you get 140 days to make that difference, and the clock is ticking.

As this session gets rolling, some folks are painting a pretty grim picture of our situation, so we need to balance their pessimism with the good news that continues to flow from our comparatively strong economy.

Have the doomsayers forgotten that Texas added more jobs in 2010 than any other state? Last year, the growth rate of Texas jobs was nearly double that of any other top ten state.

Some partisan commentators have tried to downplay our economic success by giving sole credit to our energy industry... but our economic strength is built on a much broader base.

Our job growth occurred across a wide variety of sectors, including business services, healthcare, construction, manufacturing, hospitality, and, of course, our substantial energy industry.

According to the Brookings Institute, Texas had six of the nation's 20 Strongest-Performing Metros.

Our economic strength is no accident. It's a testimony to our people, our way, with jobs in tow.

People are seeking opportunity as well, and newcomers arrive every day, ready to pursue their dreams. For the sixth year running, research from Allied Van Lines showed that Texas was the top destination for relocations.

According to our hardworking Comptroller, Susan Combs, Texas has ten consecutive months of sales tax growth.

... the core elements of our economy are strong, and Texas is still the envy of our nation.

As the nation struggles to recover from the ongoing economic crisis, and states go head-to-head for new jobs, now is not the time for

Texas to roll up our tents and go home. Instead, it's time to keep attracting good Texas jobs by funding our premiere economic development tools like the Enterprise Fund, and the Emerging Technology Fund.

If we pulled the plug on our economic development efforts, no one would be happier than my fellow governors, in states like Oklahoma and New Jersey, who are creating their own versions of the TEF, to compete for the jobs we've been landing.

We owe it to our citizens to maintain our competitive edge, especially because our economy's relative prosperity does not extend into every single Texas home.

An unemployment level that has hovered about a full point below the national average is a good indicator of our comparative strength, but it also tells a tough story for more Texans than any of us can or should accept. When it comes to our vision for this state, our work will not be done until every Texan who wants a job has a job.

Research and experience tell us that the only way to create those jobs is to knock down the senseless obstacles to economic growth. For more than a decade, those of us elected to serve in this building have been working diligently to remove those obstacles, and create a level playing field, following a few simple rules.

Between 2000 and 2009, ...Texas achieved a 27% reduction of statewide ozone levels, more than any other state. NOx has fallen by 53-percent and almost every metropolitan area is meeting the current air standard. For those of you keeping track, Dallas is within just one part per billion of meeting the standard as well. In true Texas style, we made those air quality improvements, while Texas employers were creating more private sector jobs, than any other big state in the nation.

... we've reformed our legal system to cut down on frivolous lawsuits, so employers and doctors don't spend all their time in court. Since tort reform took effect, more than 26,000 medical license applications have been received, and 33 counties got their first emergency room physician. Since the passage of reforms, Senator Lucio, the Rio Grande Valley has added 220 physicians to care for its growing population.

(and) ... thanks to leaders like Representative Rob Eissler and Senator Florence Shapiro, we've increased accountability in our public schools. We've engaged legislators, local districts, teachers and parents in the process and genuinely reformed education in our state.

Over the past decade, the state's share of public education spending increased from \$11 billion per year, to \$20 billion in '09. That's an 82% increase. Part of our push for accountability has included a sharper focus on the basics like math, science, English & social studies.

.... On the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress, Texas children scored significantly higher than their peers. The quality of education in our state is getting better and better preparing hardworking Texans to apply their legendary work ethic and provide for their families.

Fortunately, the leaders in this room, led by Chairman Ogden and Chairman Pitts, have balanced the budget before and they'll do it again. We just can't forget that dollars do far more to create jobs and prosperity in the people's hands, than they can in the government's.

Taking more money away from Texas families and employers is not the answer to our challenges because they've already sacrificed plenty. Balancing our budget without raising taxes will certainly set a nice example for the rest of the nation, but we have a bigger motivation.

Balancing our budget without raising taxes will keep us moving forward out of these tough economic times, creating more jobs and opportunity and leaving Texas more competitive than ever.

More from the speech next week.



We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

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Howe Public Library

Library information, Language courses, Student events

Van Alstyne Public Library

Library information, Library Catalog, Library Calendar, Online information, Research tools, Resume Maker

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Alta Vista

Google

Ask Jeeves

Class Tools - for classroom use - games, tests, timer, tools.

Quotations Page

Spanish Dictionary

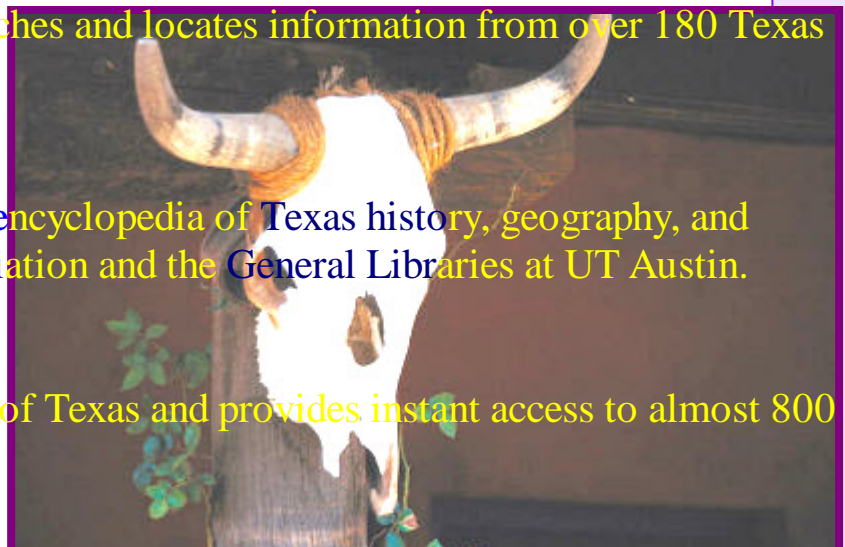
Selected Sites

[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.



Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a home like place to worship each week then A Christian Fellowship in Luella is where you want to be. They start each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Each and every person that attends will have an age appropriate class for them. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's speaker will be Denis Gray. So come on out and join them.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual also.

The Youth of the church will be holding a garage sale on Feb.12, starting at 8 am until...? So mark your calendar for this event. Something for everyone, so come on out to 150 Fellowship lane, in Luella.

The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time, everyone is welcome to join in the celebration. The church also has home study groups throughout the week.

Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner, followed by praise and worship and a devotional. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219

First Baptist Church, Melissa

First Baptist Church Melissa offers three identical worship services led by Pastor Trey Graham every Sunday morning at 9, 10:15, and 11:30 am. Pastor Trey's current message series is an in-depth study of Genesis titled "From the Start."

Small group Bible studies, known as Communities, meet Sunday mornings at 8, 9, 10:15, and 11:30 am, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, and many other times during the week. Contact Matt Ward at matt@firstmelissa.com for information on Communities.

Students in grades 7-12 gather at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in the brand-new Strive Student Theater for the AMP'D worship service led by Matt Ward and

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RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound
BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison
Dennis Stewart, pastor,
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday, 7pm

Dorchester
DORCHESTER BAPTIST
CHURCH Hwy. 902W,
903/476-5525

Gunter
COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE
FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Bruce Stinson



Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX

Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.
The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.

The Summit Church

The Summit Church meets at the Howe Middle School cafetorium. Pastor is Kevin Bouse; contact number is 903-815-1472.

Or contact by e-mail:
kevin.thesummit@yahoo.com and/or visit
website: www.thesummitontheweb.com.

Local Churches

Brooks Plaza
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship
www.thegbf.com
VALLEY
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Howe
APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy.,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun. 10am & 6pm
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
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10 am, Worship 11 am
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Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 150 Fellowship Ln, Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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CHURCH 903/546-6898



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First Baptist Church, Melissa, continued

the student ministry band. Check out the student website Rockwithus.org

“Ignite Kids” (birth-6th grade) have a number of worship and Bible study opportunities on Wednesdays. Our mid-week ministry for children is titled “High Voltage.” Fusion (grades 5-6) meets in their new home, room A300 in Building A. Preschoolers have moved into their beautiful new facility in Building B and children in grades K-4 meet in our main worship center to enjoy the exciting ministry led by Kevin Blevins and his team.

The women of First Melissa are meeting to study the Book of Revelation. This Beth Moore video study, called “Here and Now ... There and Then,” is led by Bretta Graham and Katy Churchwell. They meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in the newly renovated Catalyst hallway in Building A.

We also have a women’s Bible study on the book of Psalms that meets Thursdays at 9:30 am in room A203. For more information on this study, please contact Gracie Armijo or Rachel Lyon.

Pastor Tim Cypert will continue teaching a mid-week series on the New Testament book of James this Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in the Youth Annex.

MERGE 20-Something Worship Community Whatever your facebook status: College Student, Married, Engaged, Single, or “It’s complicated,” MERGE is for you. This is a place to find others who are looking for a place to find God. If you are in your 20s, come worship together, grow together, merge together. MERGE happens on Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Strive Cafe, located upstairs in Building B. For more information, contact Matt Ward at 972.838.2277.

First Melissa is hosting a Super Bowl XLV viewing party in The Strive Student Center on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 5-9 pm. Everyone is invited. Mark your calendar for this time of fun, friends, food and fellowship.

Registration is now taking place for First Melissa’s Upward Soccer program. Upward Soccer is open to boys and girls in grades K-6. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the foyer. Evaluations

are Saturday, Feb. 12, and the deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 16. Volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Tom Shade at 972.837.2372 for more information.

“Faith Walk with Trey Graham,” a daily Bible teaching radio program, is heard Monday-Friday at 10 am on The Word 100.7 FM. For more information, visit www.treygraham.com.

“Smart Talk with Trey Graham,” a weekly talk radio program, is heard Sundays at 4 pm on The Word 100.7 FM. For more information, visit www.treygraham.com First Melissa is making a difference for the cause of Jesus Christ around the world. To learn about mission trips and opportunities to visit Guatemala, Kenya, Vietnam, Israel, and New Orleans, contact Tim Cypert at tim@firstmelissa.com.

First Melissa is located at 2600 State Hwy 121 in Melissa. For more information or directions, visit the church online at www.firstmelissa.com.



Local Churches Continued

INSPIRATION POINT

COWBOY CHURCH
FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

PILOT GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH
1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450

WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST

800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers
RED RIVER

COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

Van Alstyne

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033

EAST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am

ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,

Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,

LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,

Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Giibbs, pastor

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

903/482-6646,

Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH 301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS WORSHIP CENTER

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen, 903/482-6700;
Chris Jones, pastor

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk, 972/562-0752

MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

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Oprah's Vegan Diet – Count Me Out

by Gene Hall



Oprah's vegan diet challenge this week was almost as big a circus as the misguided effort at suing her some years back under Texas' agricultural disparagement law.

That whole spectacle, played out in Amarillo in 1996, resulted in little more than huge publicity for the Queen of Talk TV. Nothing came of the charges. The program that spawned the ill-advised trial was most assuredly a hatchet job, but what's one more of those? Americans love to eat meat, and the endless flow of anti-meat propaganda hasn't done much to slow that down.

This week, Oprah offered her highly-rated program to renowned anti-agriculture cheerleader Michael Pollan and vegan diet enthusiast and author Kathy Freston. Along with that, Oprah launched the Vegan Challenge, and she and more than 300 staffers vowed to follow a vegan diet for a week. It's hard not to conclude that Oprah doesn't much like America's practitioners of animal agriculture.

A vegan diet is a little different from a vegetarian diet. The former makes a certain moral judgment of people who eat meat. The latter is just choosing not to eat meat, without the finger wagging. Veganism is not just foregoing meat. It's also no eggs and no dairy products.

I do not doubt that the dieters felt better with a carefully thought out vegan diet. They would feel equally better if they deep sixed junk food and planned out a healthy diet that includes lean meat. In fact, some nutrients are easier to absorb with meat. But, I don't want anyone accusing me of saying you can't eat a healthy diet without meat. You can – if you want to.

I don't and I'm not. At least once a week, you'll find me eating nothing more than a salad for lunch. (Apologies to my many ranching friends.) I love beans and cornbread as a complete meal but, to tell the truth, they taste a lot better with a little ham. Even Michael Pollan admits to eating lean meat. I think he worries too much about the morality of it, but I don't have Oprah's ear.

Ironically enough, I read an account yesterday – just before watching Oprah – on the web of several persons who have discovered that a vegan diet does not work for them. Some have had serious health problems that disappeared when they began consuming meat again. They were accused of “not doing it right” by some vegan evangelists. Whatever.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Super Bowl 45 Another Disgrace for Our National Anthem and Half Time Shoddy Show

How long will the planners of the NFL/AFL Super Bowls continuously book individuals who can't sing the National Anthem “using” lyrics other than written and/or flagrantly distorting the musical notes as written. The Super Bowl has been an annual national disgrace of our “Star Spangled Banner” and the three million patriots who have died to protect us during the past 235 years. I am sure that Francis Scott Key is still spinning in his grave from last evening's Super Bowl opening!

However, the half time show was another performance that was designed only for those in the stadium who were “well stoned.”

The rapping, sexual suggestively wiggling, jumping, rattling, rowing, and yelling their acid heads off was proof positive!

Otherwise, the game was a great game to watch ... thank goodness for that!

John M. Elkins, Sherman, TX

Senators Move to Block Implementation of Obama Health Law Pending Lawsuit Resolution

Bill Prevents Wasting Time & Money Imposing Burdens that May Be Ruled Null & Void

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the wake of the second consecutive federal court decision finding the individual mandate provision of the Obama health care law unconstitutional, a group of senators led by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), are working to place a moratorium on any further implementation until there has been final judicial resolution in the pending lawsuits challenging the law.

S.281, the Save our States Act, was introduced by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and is cosponsored by Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Dan Coats (R-Ind.), Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Mike Crapo (R-

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Vegan Diet continued

Want a vegan diet? More power to you. Just plan it. Read a few of the gazillion books, preferably the ones by doctors and nutritionists – not celebrities – and make sure you're properly nourished.

Also know that you're not a bad person or an unhealthy one if you eat reasonable portions of lean meat. You can overeat anything. Be careful with "all-you-can-eat chicken fried steak night." Fast food burgers? Eat them rarely.

Lean beef, chicken, pork, lamb, fish and all the rest can be part of a healthy diet. Those who tell you different are not really worried about your health. They just want you to stop eating meat or using animals for the benefit of humans – period.

Block Implementation, continued

Idaho), John Ensign (R-Nev.), James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Mike Johanns (R-Neb.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

ObamaCare. Americans deserve better, and we need to move forward with a plan that allows for more competition, more transparency, and better coverage."

a Federal law that has been rightly ruled unconstitutional. As a long-time opponent of Obamacare, I agree with Judge Vinson's recent ruling."

"Many states are responding differently to this week's ruling that the Obama health law is unconstitutional, and this could result in even more wasted taxpayer dollars. States should not be forced to shoulder costly federal burdens that may eventually be ruled null and void, especially in the face of an estimated \$124.7 billion budget shortfall this fiscal year alone. For clarity and to prevent additional wasted time and money, Congress should impose a moratorium on further implementation of the health-care reform law until the courts render a final judicial decision," said Sen. Hutchison.

Sen. Coats said, "As the courts continue to weigh in on the new health care law, Congress should prevent the implementation of all remaining provisions. The fight to overturn the massive, unaffordable health care law is far from over. The right course of action is to repeal the law and replace it with sensible, cost-effective reforms of our health care system."

Sen. Johnson said, "The constitutionality of the 2010 health care law was clearly in question when Congress raced to pass it in the dead of night. Now we have two courts ruling it unconstitutional. That being the case, there is no reason for taxpayers in all 50 states to begin spending millions of dollars implementing a plan that may ultimately be thrown out in its entirety. This commonsense legislation creates a 'time-out' while the question is settled."

The January 31, 2011, ruling by Federal Judge Roger Vinson found the entire Obama health care law void. By finding the law void, the court is effectively ordering the government to stop enforcing the law on the states. There are 26 states that are parties to the lawsuit, and several of them have announced they are applying the ruling in different ways.

Sen. Cornyn said, "Many Texans and others across America continue to express outrage regarding Obamacare. I share their frustration and believe that the individual mandate is a gross overreach of the federal government's limited and enumerated powers. Obamacare sets a dangerous precedent that would allow the federal government to force Texans and all Americans to buy any product or service—regardless of need or want. We cannot rely on the courts to clean up this mess and we must continue to fight to repeal this unprecedented affront to limited government and our individual liberties."

Sen. Kyl said, "In light of the recent federal court rulings striking down President Obama's health spending law as unconstitutional, it would seem prudent to halt any further implementation of the law until the judicial review process has run its full course. With ObamaCare beginning to take control over one-sixth of our nation's economy and fundamentally restructuring how every American receives health care, it's critically important that we allow the judicial branch of our government to determine whether the President and Congress even have the authority to impose such a dangerously expansive law."

The SOS Act would ensure that all states are on equal footing and that no more taxpayer dollars are spent implementing a bill two federal courts have already found unconstitutional. Since the health care reform bill passed, the Administration has released over 6,000 pages of regulations instructing states, businesses, and individuals how to comply with this law.

Sen. Crapo said, "In addition to being unaffordable, the health care law has been ruled unconstitutional by two federal courts. Americans want health care reform that includes innovative solutions that will allow everyone the opportunity to afford and keep a health care plan that best meets their needs, not decisions made by government bureaucrats. That would include realigning payment incentives toward outcomes, not the number of procedures; promoting wellness and prevention programs; encouraging small businesses to pool together to purchase insurance; allowing insurance companies to sell across state lines to increase competition; eliminating waste, fraud and abuse and expanding health savings accounts as good first steps that do not raise taxes and will meaningfully lower health costs."

Sen. Moran said, "This week, another federal judge ruled that our Constitution prohibits the federal government from forcing Americans to purchase any good or service - including health care - as a condition of living in America. Most states are constitutionally prohibited from spending money they do not have, and should not be forced to make major budget decisions in this highly uncertain landscape. The Save our States Act provides certainty by delaying any implementation of the health care law until its constitutionality is determined by our nation's highest court."

The bill delays provisions and new regulations of the Obama health care law not in effect on the date of enactment until final judicial resolution of the lawsuits. The bill does not suspend features of the law already in effect on the date of enactment.

Sen. Ensign said, "The individual mandate is unconstitutional and it is simply unacceptable for this provision to start penalizing hard-working Americans while lawsuits are still pending. The Constitution is the last line of defense for the citizens of this country against an overreaching, power-hungry government, and while those on the other side of the aisle have declared these lawsuits a waste of time, they are not. These lawsuits are owed their day in court before any more of this law goes into effect."

Sen. Risch said, "The Florida ruling calls further into question the legitimacy of the health care law, yet the Administration is pushing forward with the implementation of this monstrosity at a tremendous cost to the states, small businesses and the American people. It is simply irresponsible to waste billions of dollars that we don't have on a plan that could ultimately be ruled unconstitutional."

Sen. Barrasso said, "A majority of Americans have demanded that Washington repeal and replace the President's health care law with patient centered solutions that bring down the cost of care," said Barrasso. "This week, the courts dealt another blow to the law when a federal judge sided with 26 states in ruling Obamacare unconstitutional. It's now time to provide certainty to the states by immediately halting Obamacare's mandates until the courts issue a final ruling."

Sen. Roberts said, "With further judicial review of Obamacare's individual mandate assured, and given the constantly growing number of problems and high costs with the law, we should pass this bill to suspend it immediately so that we can halt its infringements on American's constitutional rights and introduce an alternative that brings down the cost of care for consumers. This is what Americans really want."

Sen. Blunt said, "Better health care at a lower cost is achievable if we do the right things, but we should not waste any more time or taxpayer dollars on this law until we have absolute judicial clarity. Two federal courts have already deemed this law unconstitutional, and employers are telling us they're not hiring because of uncertainty created by

Sen. Inhofe said, "I am proud to co-sponsor this legislation that delays implementation of Obamacare until a final resolution is reached within the court system. It will protect states and citizens from being forced to comply with



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House Votes To Repeal Obama Health Care Law

Jan. 18, 2011 - Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) cast his vote with a majority in the House of Representatives in support of H.R. 2, legislation to immediately repeal the health care reforms that President Obama signed into law last year. The vote, 245-189, was largely along party lines.

“A majority of the American people did not support the President’s health care plan, but the President and a Democratic Congress chose to push this measure into law last year,” Hall said. “If we had addressed health care reform in a bipartisan way from the beginning of the debate, our country would not be so divided and the vote today would not have been necessary.

“My constituents strongly opposed this government expansion into health care and the higher costs, higher taxes, and mandates that it would impose,” Hall said. “This new law is keeping our economy from getting back on track by increasing costs on businesses and discouraging businesses from creating new jobs. In addition to increasing health care costs, it also cuts Medicare and jeopardizes access to health care for our senior citizens.”

Hall also planned to “vote in favor of H. Res. 9, a resolution instructing committees with jurisdiction to report legislation that replaces the health care law with common-sense solutions,” Hall noted. Among the replacement initiatives that Hall supports are expansion of health savings accounts and allowing the purchase of health insurance across state lines.

“Republicans agree that we must increase health care quality, access, and affordability – and we will offer alternative proposals that will achieve necessary reforms without higher taxes, higher costs, individual mandates, or a government takeover of health care,” Hall said.

The House-passed repeal bill now goes to the Senate, where the Democratic leadership has no plans to bring it up for debate. “That is unfortunate, because the American people deserve to be heard on this issue,” Hall noted. “H.R. 2 is the first step towards putting the American people back in control of their personal health care choices, and I am surprised that the Senate Democrats would totally disregard the wishes of more than 50 percent of our citizens.”



State Senator Estes Files Legislation to Require Voter Identification

Austin - State Senator Estes (R - Wichita Falls) joined with his Republican colleagues as a coauthor of Senate Bill 178 to require registered voters to present valid photo identification when casting a ballot in Texas.

“This measure is intended to protect the integrity of our elections, and to protect the rights of registered voters by insuring that every vote cast is a legal vote,” said Estes.

Texas law already provides for requiring photo identification if a registered voter does not provide their voter registration card, but is listed on the list of registered voters. Senate Bill 178 would require all voters to present a photo identification such as a drivers license or military identification card.

“The public must have confidence that those serving in office at the local, state, and federal level are there by virtue of a legitimate democratic process,” added Estes.

Cornyn Secures Top Committee Assignments

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) has released the following statement after the Senate Republican Conference announced that he will serve on U.S. Senate Committees on Finance, Judiciary, Budget, and Armed Services during the 112th Congress:

“As the home to 15 major military installations and one out of every 10 U.S. troops, it is often said that Texas defends America. I am proud to once again have the opportunity to represent Texas and our fine men and women in uniform on the Senate Armed Services Committee. This will ensure Texas continues to have a seat at the table when some of the most important decisions facing our military community are made. I am eager to continue the good work of representing Texas through my previous assignments on the Senate Committees on Finance, Judiciary, and Budget during these challenging times.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services, and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

The Unintended Consequences of Environmentalism

There are big differences between the responsible environmental stewardship ideals that most of us subscribe to, and the moralistic, antidevelopment, obstructionist activism that exemplifies much of today’s environmental zealotry, says Larry Bell, a professor at the University of Houston.

An example is the 1972 ban on spraying crops with DDT, a synthetic pesticide:

After calling 125 witnesses and reviewing 9,362 pages of testimony, it was concluded that the DDT alarm was unwarranted.

The World Health Organization pleaded at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hearings that DDT was very beneficial in fighting malaria in many parts of the world and should not be banned.

Still, due to threatened European trade restrictions against countries that used the chemical, African nations terminated use of the effective mosquito pesticide for malaria control.

Since that time death rates from the disease have increased dramatically, and are now estimated to be between 155,000 and 310,000 annually, according to data collected at 41 African sites from 1997 to 2002.

But then, what about protection from something that everyone knows to be dangerous? Take, for example, government legislation that will phase out traditional incandescent bulbs in 2012, replacing them with “energy efficient” compact fluorescent lighting (CFL) containing mercury, a highly toxic substance, says Bell.

Many argue that the resulting environmental and health costs will cancel out any benefits realized through touted -- and mandated -- energy conservation.

While advocates argue that the mercury content in a single CFL bulb is relatively low comparable to that in watch batteries and tilt thermostats, a big difference is that those items don’t tend to shatter when accidentally dropped.

Critics argue that as federal legislation continues to push CFLs into home use, exposures will add up over time, with increased risks to babies, children, pregnant women, the elderly and those in poor health. *Source: Larry Bell, “Greener than Thou: The Tyranny of Eco-Sanctimony,” Forbes, January 20, 2011.*



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TO ALL MY INTELLIGENT FRIENDS:

I am sending this only to my smart friends. I could not figure it out. My first thought was wrong and I had to look at the answer. See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Are you peeking or have you already given up? Give it another try.... Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so cool....

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters.... Let me know if you found the answer - I didn't!

Answer is below!

Lincoln's Address

A young girl visited her sister in Washington, DC. The older sister took a day off work and showed the young sister the Lincoln Memorial. There she saw a large block of text 273 words long etched into the monument.

"What's that?" she asked.

"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," I told her.

"If that's his address, how does he get any mail?"



Answer:

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out? No? Then send this to more people and stump them as well. Then, you'll feel



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